

# HOUSE BILL 1030

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Motor Scooters – Protective Headgear**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a motor  
4 scooter unless the individual is wearing protective headgear that meets certain  
5 standards; and generally relating to protective headgear for individuals  
6 operating or riding on motor scooters.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 11–134.5  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–1207.3  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 11–134.5.

21 (a) “Motor scooter” means a nonpedal vehicle that:

22 (1) Has a seat for the operator;

23 (2) Has two wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (3)    Has a step-through chassis;
- 2           (4)    Has a motor:
- 3                   (i)    With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or
- 4                   (ii)   If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a
- 5 capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and
- 6           (5)    Is equipped with an automatic transmission.
- 7           (b)    “Motor scooter” does not include a vehicle that has been manufactured for
- 8 off-road use, including a motorcycle and an all-terrain vehicle.

9   **21-1207.3.**

10           **AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE OR RIDE ON A MOTOR SCOOTER**

11 **UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS WEARING PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR THAT MEETS THE**

12 **STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR MOTORCYCLE**

13 **HELMETS UNDER § 21-1306 OF THIS TITLE.**

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

15 October 1, 2010.